

WOMAN AT THE WELL

Jn.4

John 4:1-2 Religious leaders put John the Baptist in prison.
Filled with jealousy and anger against anyone who preached repentance.
Jesus gaining more disciples than John.

John 4:3 Jesus left Judaea and went AGAIN into Galilee.
To Jerusalem--Passover.

Going back again to Galilee.

John 4:4 ... *must needs go through Samaria*. Shortest distance to Galilee.
Orthodox Jews hated Samaritans--half-breeds.

Intermarried with Babylonians

Orthodox Jews travel several miles out of way.

Had to go through Samaria.

Could not forego appointment.

Example to us.

Samaritans: Syncretistic religion--mixture of Judaism and paganism.

Place of worship--Mount Gerizim

False priesthood.

Pentateuch--Word of God

Rejected Psalms and Prophets.

John 4:5 City 8 miles south-east of Samaria, between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim.

Ground purchased by Jacob so pitch tent in land of Canaan.

Altar on this sight--El Elohe Israel, the God of Israel (Gen 33:18-20).

First inhabitable piece of real estate in Promised Land

Jacob's home.

Bones of Joseph (Josh 24:32).

John 4:6 About noon.

Common time for eating

Disciples into town--to eat.

Well: bubbling spring.

Approximately 100' deep through stone.

Wearied: (fatigued, tired, hot, thirsty, dusty).

sat thus on the well: On curb

John 4:7 Unusual to see woman drawing water at noon.

Status as outcast

Give me to drink. Jesus had no rope or utensil

Command

Woman of Samaria (region).

Sychar (1/2 mi.)

Hend. ...a manifestation of divine strategy and of psychological insight, for if you wish to gain entrance into the heart of another person 2 methods can be employed:
a. do that person a favor; b. give that person an opportunity to do you a favor....Jesus combined the two.

John 4:8 Even though Jews and Samaritans hostile towards each other--did business with each other.

Meat: food, rations, nourishment.

John 4:9 How know a Jew? Accent and attire.

Taken back that Jesus not prejudice ...treated her with dignity.

Culturally offensive:

Seek out and initiate conversation with immoral Samaritan woman

Ask for water.

Drink from unclean vessel from hand of unclean woman.

Normal Jew--knocked water cup to ground

John 4:10 Jesus--riddle-like answer.

Living water: water at bottom of well that is fresh and bubbling.

John 4:11 Very deep.

At bottom--fresh and cold ...fed by spring.

Significant--God's grace and kindness to Jacob.

Mulling over in mind about living water.

John 4:12 Immediately, understood--miraculous and important man.

Unusual claim.

Art thou greater than our father Jacob ...She got point!

He is greater than Jacob.

Indirect answer.

John 4:13-14 *Never thirst*--eternal security

The water that I shall give him...

1. **From Jesus**

2. **Internal**

3. **Gives everlasting life**. Past , present, future.

John 4:15 **Easy Believism!** Who doesn't want living water?!

JESUS deals with issue of sin .

Is she willing to repent of sin and turn to Him.

Easy Believism adds Jesus to lifestyle

Repentance--about face from sin.

John 4:16-18 Gives partial truth.

He knows everything about me.

He already knows truth.

Jesus doesn't rebuke her

Let's her know He understands what is going on in her life.

She understands

A sinner

In violation of 5th commandment

Jesus presenting Law!

Rom 7:7,8; Gal 3:24

C.H.Spurgeon: *They will never accept grace until they tremble before a just and holy law.*

D.L.Moody: *This is what God gives us the law for: to show us ourselves and our true colors*

Martin Luther: *The 1st duty of the Gospel preacher is to declare God's law and to show the nature of sin.*

John 4:19-20 Samaritans continued to go with families to top of Mt. Gerizim.

Not sure where true place of worship is, Jerusalem or Mt.Gerizim.

Issue: Where **deal with sin?**

John 4:21 Issue-- not about a place.

Ironsides:. It is not a question now of going to either place. You can meet with Him anywhere and everywhere if you are ready to take your right place before Him, to confess your sin and own your guilt.

No one has a corner on where we worship.

Not all about Mt Gerizim, or Jerusalem.

John 4:22

You Samaritans are worshipping blindly

Jesus aware that Jews had true form of worship, though corrupted.

Salvation is of the Jews!

Hend ...that specific rescue from the guilt, pollution, and punishment of sin, and that sum-total of every spiritual endowment, which God grants to his people on the basis of the redemptive work of his Son.

Psa 147:19; Isa 2:3; Micah 4:2; Rom 3:1,2; Rom 9:3,4

John 4:23

1. **Spirit:** entire heart ...not just liturgy or form.

2. **Truth:** God's Word

John 4:24 Luke 24:39

God--independent, non-physical, personal being.

Want to know Him? Spirit!

Must meet God on a personal and spiritual plane.

John 4:25 Now centered on Messiah.

Samaritans and Jews looking for Messiah who save them from their sins.

Starting to think about her need for Messiah-- to deal with spiritual void.

John 4:26 *I that speak unto thee am he.*

First time in Gospels Jesus said, I am the Messiah.

He said it to

An immoral, adulterous, half-breed religious misfit and outcast of society.

A woman sincerely wanting to know Messiah and her sin dealt with.

SO WHAT?

About the woman:

Knew who she was...

Outcast...

Sinner

Seeker—Mt Gerizim or Jerusalem?

Changed

Mac: Her response was typical of new believers, one of the evidences of authentic faith. The person who has just had the burden of sin and guilt lifted always wants to share the good news with others. The woman's excitement would have been palpable. And notice that the first thing she told the men of her town was that Jesus had told her everything she did. No longer was she evading the facts of her sin. She was basking in the glow of forgiveness, and there is simply no shame in that.

Soul-winner

About soul-winning

1. God's perfect timing.
2. Importance of taking the first step in witnessing.
3. Tactfulness of taking a conversation from the secular to the spiritual.
4. The use of word pictures in witnessing.
5. The use of the law in showing a person his sinfulness and bringing him to the place of repentance.
6. The emphasis on relationship with God and His Word rather than on ritual and place.
7. Proper timing in conversation
8. God is no respecter of persons.